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# **Redford urged** to resign over e-mail probe

**SCANDAL** Alberta's Justice minister needs to step away from her post after Mounties used a search warrant to seize documents from her office last summer, urged the province's New Democrats yesterday.

NDP Leader Brian Mason says Justice Minister and Attorney General Allison Redford should step aside as the RCMP continues to investigate who changed a government e-mail that was submitted as evidence into a Freedom of Information hearing.

"This is very serious and the government's interest in secrecy seems to be growing all the time," said Mason during a news conference. **METRO CALGARY** 

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# **Planning for** the future



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Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean laugh before the speech from the throne in the Senate chamber in Ottawa yesterday. Harper's Conservatives are set to unveil the federal budget today. More budget coverage, pgs 6, 9 & 12.

# What Alberta wants

Infrastructure, support for individuals top budget wish lists

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The province's two largest cities have rolled out their wish lists for today's federal buget announcement and both mayors share a similar theme.

Calgary Mayor Dave Bronconnier and Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel agree that today's crucial announcement must address municipal infrastructure in each city.

"Edmonton would benefit from more federal government funding for infrastructure projects like expanding our LRT, finishing our overpasses, improving our roads, and building

"Review the cost to

small businesses

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of credit card

transactions."

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new recreation centres," Mandel said.

And for Calgary, Bronconnier agrees, saying, "Municipal infrastructure and housing. Those are the two priorities that will keep the economy moving and create jobs, particularly in the housing industry."

Bronconnier and Mandel agree the investment in infrastructure will not only help build cities better, but also stimulate the econo-

smart investments that are

timely and needed that will keep the economy moving and keep us more competitive as a nation," Bronconnier said.

Mandel believes "capital investment" creates jobs, when directed to areas that count.

While the cities' mayors know where they would spend the funding, Premier Ed Stelmach had less to say about money and more about support for the province and for "individual Albertans"

"(Such as) review the cost to small business of credit card transactions, looking at how we can work towards reducing some of our airport fees that are slated to increase about 130 per

# \$7B earmarked

• John Baird announced \$7 billion for infrastructure yesterday, on the heels of a senior government leak last week indicating a projected \$34-billion deficit for the 2009 budget.

cent by 2010," Stelmach told reporters on Friday.

Scott Hennig from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation would be happy to see a "spending reduction" overall.

"We'd like broad-based tax relief and fewer tax brackets. And ultimately, our No. 1 priority will be doing all that with a balanced budget," Hennig added.

# Council parking rate flak

**ALICIA FOX** for Metro Calgary



**AGENDA** Despite backlash from Calgarians on hikes in parking rates, the issue didn't make it onto council's agenda yesterday.

Several aldermen and the mayor voted against putting it back on the agenda, leaving council one vote short of the needed 10.

Parking rates recently

went up to as much as \$5 per hour for street parking, and to \$6.50 an hour from \$6.00 an hour for city-owned parkades.



Jones

Ald. Ray Jones was among those who wanted to see it brought back to the table. He said he could see the issue coming back prior to budget finalization in March.

"I don't think it's a done deal," he said.

"Based on the phone calls we're getting, there's not a lot of happy people out there," he said, adding if the city rates were below market, "we'd have more people parking in our lots."

Salesman Jamie Moench travels around to downtown Calgary businesses and said not only is it hard to find downtown parking, he often has to wait for a client, which bumps his parking costs up.

"My parking has been upwards of \$50 to \$60 per day," Moench said yesterday, adding parking costs are already "extremely expensive."

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"Municipal infrastructure and housing. Those are the two priorities." Dave Bronconnier



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# Local



# **Contemplating circles**

The Telus World of Science invites Calgarians to uncover the Secrets of Circles. The new exhibit opens Friday and features 18 interactive components teaching guests about the math, science and art of circles. For more information please visit calgaryscience.ca. **METRO CALGARY** 





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### **News** in brief

**DRIVING** Calgary police conducted a traffic enforcement blitz on Deerfoot Trail this weekend, nabbing drivers for aggressive driving, including speeding, following too closely and failing to signal before turning. Between Saturday and Sunday, police handed out 195 tickets, including one for careless driving, and issued two 24-hour suspensions. Each year, police respond to about 70 life-altering or fatal collisions that are often attributed to either alcohol or aggressive driving.

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lions in infrastructure funding, and Michael Ignatieff accuses the feds of having a "split personality" at metronews.ca/



# Space heater believed to have caused blaze that critically injured 4

JENNIFER HILLIKER for Metro Calgary

A working smoke detector could have saved four people renting a basement suite in an early morning fire yesterday in NW Calgary, firefighters

Investigators have found only one smoke detector in the basement, which melted to the floor as a result of high heat during the fire. They believe the detector was not wired correctly and did not contain a battery.

"If it's not expired, not an old detector, maintained properly, cleaned and working, then we believe it would have gotten them out sooner," said Jeff Budai with Calgary firefighters.

Luckily Rob Hannigan, an upstairs tenant, woke up to the sounds of screaming, a dog barking and thick smoke creeping up from the basement of the bungalow where he rents.



Four people were taken to hospital in critical condition after a fire started in the basement of this home in the 500 block of 33 St. NW early yesterday.

He immediately grabbed a fire extinguisher in an attempt to help the young couple and their friends who live downstairs, but couldn't get past the heat and smoke.

"I'm quite worried about them," Hannigan said of the tenants. "I wish I could have done something to get them out. The ambulance showed up in about four or

five minutes ... They all

came out unconscious."

The fire is believed to have started because of a space heater placed too close to combustible objects. Damages to the home are estimated at \$100,000.

# **Gridlock over** racetrack lease

**DISPUTE** Race City is back to the bargaining table after city council voted down a motion that gave the track an easy way to extend its lease until 2015.

There are disputes between city administration and the racing track as to when the current lease expires, with the City of Calgary saying that it was up next year.

Although he couldn't give details — a motion was passed to keep the decisions made behind closed doors confidential for now — Ald. Ric McIver said, "I'm not happy," and that track operators will now have to work the details out with city administration.

Calgary Motor Sport Association executive Rick Francescone said that as a motor sporting group they'll be meeting and potentially looking at legal alternatives to "keep illegal street racing off the street."

"I knew it was going to be close," he said of the 7-7 vote, but he had counted on Ald. Dale Hodges' vote, who was away sick yesterday.

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# Aldermen raises barely pass vote

**COUNCIL** Despite his motion against it, a Calgary alderman will be getting his raise this year after all.

Ward 10 Ald. Andre Chabot's motion to cut council's pay raises to 2.75 per cent from 5.5 per cent failed yesterday after a 7-7 tie vote.

Ald. Dale Hodges was sick and not at the meeting to cast his vote. and could be the tie breaker if Chabot brings the motion forward again in 30 days. Chabot wanted council to show leadership in cutting their raises.

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# **Housing prices** continue to drop

**ECONOMY** House prices in Calgary continue to decline, according to a Royal LePage study.

The average price for a two-storey home in the fourth quarter of 2008 dropped to \$408,263, down 11.6 per cent from the year before. The average price for a standard condo dropped 9.5 per cent to \$257,189 and the standard bungalow fell 4.5 per cent to \$410.333 during the same time.

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# Kids get a taste of China

Martial arts group perform at Chinese New Year party

Sounds of "oohs" and "ahhs" echoed into the hallways of Connaught School yesterday as excited students watched Chi-

nese martial arts and

dance performances. Dozens of students, teachers and parents enjoyed the sights and sounds of the performances as they celebrated the Chinese New Year at the southwest school after

lunchtime. "This is such a wonderful opportunity for the children to see. They absolutely love it and I think it brings an element of discipline and fun," school principal Fran McGilvray Cooke

It was the second year in a row the Calgary Tai Chi and Martial Arts College performed at the culturally diverse school, she added.

'We have a lot of students with an Asian background and actually we have 36 different cultures and languages at our



Nick Yee, 15, shows off his skills with a traditional spear as members of the Calgary Tai Chi and Martial Arts College perform lion dancing and martial arts demonstrations for the kids at Connaught School in celebrating the Year of the Ox.

school," McGilvray Cooke

And students weren't the ones mesmerized only with the acrobatic performances of the six-man group.

"It was very spectacular and very nice to watch. This was my first time and

I think it was great. The kids really love it," father Sami Meddeb said after the show.

The group performed martial art numbers as well as lion dances to celebrate the Year of the Ox, tai chi master Geng Z. Cai said.

"They have a lot of fun performing at different schools and at the Chinese Cultural Centre for the Chinese New Year," he added.

# Calgarian wins Red **Bull ice race**

JENNIFER HILLIKER for Metro Calgary



**SKATING** Calgarian Kerri-Anne Wallace conquered the icy streets of Quebec City last weekend, taking home the first-ever win for a woman at the Red Bull Crashed Ice competition.

Wallace skated down Quebec City's 550-metre

man-made urban ice track. which featured a sequence of sharp turns, ice steps and gap jumps. This Kerri-Anne is the first vear women



have been allowed to com-

"It feels phenomenal to be the first woman to win Red Bull Crashed Ice," Wallace said. "It's an honour, truly an honour. I didn't know what to expect, but I knew it was going to be a full adrenaline rush and that's the reason why I signed up. I didn't expect to win. I'm absolutely coming back next year."

Wallace wasn't even supposed to compete in the final due to a knee injury she suffered during one of the qualifying rounds.

'No way am I missing this. Get the tape," Wallace recalled saying.

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Jim Flaherty

Words aside, the numbers are what count, and today's federal budget was always the main event. The speech from the throne,

delivered yesterday by Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, reopened the 40th Parliament with a brief, gloomy prelude to the budget that the government has already said will bring tax relief and about \$13

billion in new spending. Billions of dollars in tax breaks for the middle class, including incentives for home renovations, are expected to be unveiled today as the Conservatives seek to maximize the bang

for the buck in their bigspending budget.

The tax cuts will highlight a massive economic bailout plan with tens of

billions of dollars in new federal spending and tax measures, \$2 billion in help for the jobless, cash for the auto industry, \$7 billion for urban reconstruction and measures

to free up consumer and business loans. The budget will project a deficit of \$64 billion over the next two years. Details of the budget will be officially unveiled in Parliament this afternoon by Finance Minister Iim Flaherty.

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# National **Wish** Lists



# **Budget priorities from Metro newsrooms across the nation**

### **HALIFAX**

Like Christmas morning, many people across Nova Scotia will be waking up today hoping for tons of new loot.

Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald is looking for green stimulus funds, but said some new projects, like twinning highways, need to be done. MacDonald also listed education, the Atlantic Gateway and more employment insurance money as priorities.

Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor Peter Kelly said he hopes the money is distributed quickly.

## **TORONTO**

Accelerating infrastructure projects and getting shovels in the ground are two priorities that Toronto Mayor David Miller and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty hope they can act on. That is, if today's federal budget comes through with the required federal funding both leaders seek.

Politicians have complained that Ottawa has made repeated promises of cash from a \$33billion federal infrastructure fund, but the money remains in limbo, stalling many projects.

### **OTTAWA**

The mayor of Ottawa has new funding for the city's infrastructure on his wish list.

Aimed at creating jobs and boosting the economy, yesterday's announcement of \$7 billion in new infrastructure spending by Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird will leave a lasting legacy on the city, Mayor Larry O'Brien said.

"The city of Ottawa needs be in the best possible position to take advantage of this new funding from the federal government as soon as it becomes available," said O'Brien.

### **VANCOUVER**

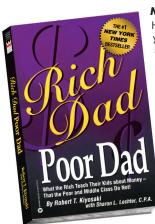
Social housing, transportation and sewage infrastructure top the wish list of B.C.'s largest cities.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson wants funding for new social housing units and money to accelerate the completion of a light rail transit line to the University of B.C.

Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts is hoping for sewage system upgrades.

Premier Gordon Campbell said housing and highways are his priorities.

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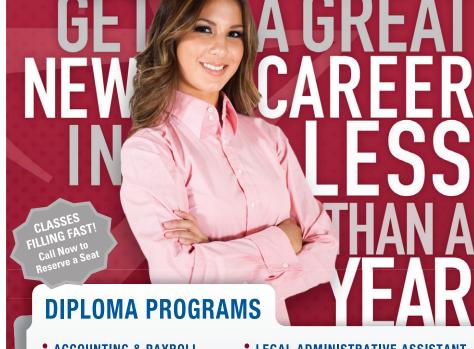


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Infant death from suffocation has quadrupled in the U.S., researchers say

Rates of sudden infant death from suffocation or strangulation have quadrupled in the past 20 years in the United States, most apparently from parents sleeping with their babies, government researchers reported yesterday. Black male babies are the most affected, but it is not clear why. REUTERS

# World



# Car crashes into church roof

er and hurtled up a bank, crash-landing on a church roof in eastern Germany, police said yesterday. The bank propelled the black Skoda about 35 metres forward and straight into the church's roof frame, where it remained wedged seven metres off the ground. The 23-yearold driver suffered serious injuries.

# Law bans retaliation in sex harassment cases: U.S. court

**WORKPLACE** An employee is protecting an employee protected from being fired for answering questions during an employer's investigation of sexual harassment, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The unanimous court ruled that anti-retaliation provisions for employees who report workplace discrimination also extends to an internal investigation of a supervisor or worker.

Nothing in the statute requires a freakish rule

who reports discrimination on her own initiative but not one who reports the same discrimination in the same words when her boss asks a question," Justice David Souter said.

The ruling decided an important workplace issue. Federal lawyers said victims would be unwilling to cooperate in employer investigations if they faced punishment like the loss of their jobs. REUTERS

# Congo Break from battle



A government soldier carries her infant on her back yesterday at Mushake in eastern Congo. Congolese Hutu rebels said on Sunday they had clashed for the first time with a Rwandan-Congolese force deployed to crush them. Civilians expressed fears they would be caught in the violence.

# **Obama tackles** climate policy

**U.S. President Barack Oba**ma began reversing the climate policies of the **Bush administration** yesterday, clearing the way for new rules to force auto makers to produce more fuel-efficient and less polluting cars.

The president told the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider a request by California to impose its own strict limits on vehicle carbon dioxide emissions, blamed for adding to global warming.

Former president George W. Bush's administration had denied the request, prompting California and other states to sue.

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# Striving for peace

 Obama vowed yesterday that his new Middle East envoy George Mitchell would engage vigorously in the quest for Israeli-Palestinian peace, and expressed confidence he would achieve concrete results.

sions," Obama said.

Obama's directive, which is likely to result in a formal change in the coming months, could prompt as many as 18 states to follow California's lead.

The president also directed the Department of Transportation to move forward with stricter fuel efficiency standards for cars.

REUTERS

### **News** in brief

TRAVOLTA A Bahamian medic pleaded not guilty and was held yesterday on charges he conspired to extort \$25 million US from John Travolta after the actor's son died in the Bahamas this month. Police said last week they were investigating a complaint by Travol-

ta of an extortion plot against

**GAZA** European countries pledged yesterday to help prevent arms smuggling into Gaza. Israel has said Hamas used tunnels between Gaza and Egypt to move weapons.



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# PM's credibility dwindling



e's starting to sound like a New Democrat," Jack Layton said yesterday, speaking of Stephen Harper.

The NDP leader, alluding to plans in the Conservative budget to invest in social housing, was describing how the government would do anything to survive. Anything.

Yesterday was the throne speech highlighting a new tone of bipartisanship. Today will be the neck-saving budget. We can say neck-saving because more than half the budget has already been deliberately leaked as part of Harper's effort to

strategically manipulate the news agenda.

The multibillion-dollar fiscal stimulus combined with tax cuts will likely be enough to satisfy Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff who doesn't want an election now and who will argue that his party forced the government's hand. The bottom line is that a prime minister chastened by his near calamity last fall will live to see another day.

His sense of desperation has seen him enter into a contradiction of staggering dimension, one of the biggest flip-flops Ottawa has ever seen. Only two months ago the government was assuring one and all that, in the words of Finance Minister James Fla-

herty, "The days of chronic



deficits are behind us."

This was after Harper promised in the election campaign that there would be no deficit. Then last week, the government announced there would be five years of deficits. Not just any deficits. But huge deficits — \$64 billion over the next two years.

The amazing about-face constituted the toughest challenge for the PM to sur-

mount. But his adroit use of prebudget leaks has done the deed. The folks in the Prime Minister's Office know that the media only

hangs on to a story until the next good one comes along. So after leaking the \$64-billion story, they followed it with other pre-budget news. The story of the stunning deficit reversal was a one-day wonder.

It's not a question of whether big deficits in this teetering economic climate are necessary. They may well be.

But what it does highlight is once again the question of credibility. Again it is clear with this government that it is all about political manipulation, of taking advantage of the gullible, of thinking that the people will forget what was stated categorically before and believe the Harper team now.

"It's all about 'doublespeak," Ignatieff said. "The stubborn reality is a problem of trust."

Lawrence Martin is a Globe and Mail correspondent and author who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



# **Worth mentioning**

# Penguin eggs off the menu

Once the "delicacies of the Antarctic," fresh seal brains, penguin eggs and grilled cor-

morant are off the menu at research bases where chefs rely on imported and often frozen food.

"You have to use what you've got in the store. Frozen stuff, tinned stuff and if you're really desperate the dried stuff," said Alan Sherwood, a widely

praised chef at the British Rothera base on the Antarctic Peninsula.

"We're now onto dried onions because we've run out," he said.
"You can't just go out and buy some."
Rothera gets most of its supplies by ship

twice a year — in December and March — with the occasional flight from Chile and recently made conscious decision to pull the animals from his menus.

# Views

# National securities regulator needed now



In Canada, there's nothing as resistible as an idea whose time has come. Thomas Hockin, chair of the Expert Panel on Securities Regulation in Canada, says the time is right for the creation of a national securities regulator.

Of course, some have been saying this since 1935, when the suggestion was first aired by the royal commission on price spreads. Hockin's panel wants to replace our fragmented system of 13 provincial and territorial securities commissions with one regulator that will make public companies more accountable

while eliminating overlaps and unnecessary compliance costs.

Were it not for parochialism and myopia (mainly in Alberta, B.C. and Quebec), we might already have a national commission. Indeed, the federal government, mainly in the person of Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, has decided to ignore constitutional and court challenges and create a national regulator anyway. Expect an announcement in the budget announcement today. Investors shouldn't breathe any sighs of relief though. A national regulator is a necessary foundation for sound market regulation, but it's only one pillar of a viable system. For Canadian and foreign investors to have genuine confidence in our capital market we need much more. We require truly vigorous enforcement, a knowledgeable judiciary that can move with relative speed and impose mean-

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ingful penalties when necessary, and an auditing regime that ensures the fullest possible disclosure and transparency for public companies. The status quo is clearly unacceptable.

Despite rare exceptions, such as the Research In Motion stock-option accounting case, wrongdoers usually go unpunished. In some cases, notably Bre-X, no one is ever found accountable.

No commission, national or otherwise, will succeed unless the RCMP's lacklustre integrated market enforcement teams are replaced with something better funded and better directed, such as a new national enforcement branch as part of the new regulatory structure suggested by Hockin's panel.

Judges will need better training and resources to move with greater speed and expertise to bring cases to conclusion. And laws need revision to ensure that, when convictions result, there are meaningful sentences or fines

Underpinning these reforms, Canada needs tough, transparent auditing. This doesn't mean international financial reporting standards, which Canadian auditors are pushing Canadian companies to adopt by 2011. The existing system, Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, is hardly without faults, but with refinements, it would give investors much more confidence that Canadian companies' books are uncooked.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer and editor who has worked for news organizations and publications including Business Week, Canadian Business, Report On Business magazine, Reuters, and Financial Post.

# Quote of the Day

"When a million children die of malaria a year ... I don't think the economic crisis changes the moral value of those lives being worth saving."

— Bill Gates on supporting malaria research

# 31% SAID YES

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# Financial Planning



Now is the time to implement a spending freeze on everything you don't need, says Robert Abboud, certified financial planner.

# Time to save for future

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Hopefully, you've been diligent in putting away a little something for a rainy day, because when it rains,

Layoffs and pay cuts are two of the many challenges Canadians face during the current economic downturn, but many haven't changed their bad spending

An RBC poll released in May 2008 found that 43 per cent of Canadians are maintaining their spending habits, while 20 per cent spend even more. Eightythree per cent said they don't save as much as they would like, and 55 per cent have only one month's expenses set aside, while 24 cent have three months' worth set aside.

The holidays were no ex-

ception, with national spending up nine per cent over the period, according to Robert Abboud, an Ottawa-based certified financial planner at Wealth Strategies. He adds that the economy has lived on borrowed time for years, and now the proverbial chickens have come home to

"The party's over. It has been 17 years since our last recession. Time to snap into it, man, the reality has hit," he said. "Canadians have to wake up and say, 'OK, if I don't have any income for the next three to six months, what am I going to do?' And if the answer is, 'I couldn't survive,' you're in trouble."

While you're still gainfully employed — and most Canadians still are now is the time to prepare for the worst, Abboud said. Pay down your high-inter-

# "Credit cards are not viable backups if you have no job."

Robert Abboud

est credit cards and implement a spending freeze on everything you know you don't need.

You may want to earmark some cash for an emergency cushion of at least six months — not an easy target, according to Abboud, who notes it takes two to six weeks for Employment Insurance to arrive, and even then, it may not match your salary. If you're financially disciplined and you feel the need, you can apply for a line of credit with your bank, which is virtually impossible to do if you've lost your job.

"You want to prepare by paying down debt and building up cash," Abboud said. "But from a savings perspective, it's a great time to be either continuing your monthly savings plan or starting one up, especially if you have job security.

The times don't bode well for those prone to use plastic, as many still do. The RBC study found 65 per cent of those polled view credit cards or lines of credit as an emergency backup a disturbing number, according to Abboud.

"Goodness gracious," he said. "Credit cards are not viable backups if you have no job. A line of credit is the worst that you should do. It might have a seven or eight per cent interest rate, certainly not 18 to 26 as a credit card might. People need to stop thinking about the plastic and start thinking about the cold



Set aside extra money while paying down debt, experts advise.

# Realistic goals key to creating budget

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As Canadians' savings remain adrift in the economic doldrums, now might be a good time to revisit the B word: Budget.

"Budgeting used to be a four-letter word," says Julie Jaggernath, director of education at the Credit Counselling Society of Canada. "We encourage that word to be 'plan,' but lots of people had other four-letter words for it. It's watercooler talk again, so that's an encouraging sign.'

When creating a budget, the most important step is to set a goal that's realistic. "Think about a budget like a diet," says Laurie Campbell, executive director of Credit Canada. "You know how you always get people, especially at the beginning of January, saying, 'Oh, I'm going to lose 100 pounds within the next year?' It's not realistic. And because it's not realistic, they get turned off, and stop dieting or throw away their goal."

Next, says Jaggernath, make a list of your monthly earnings and expenses. 'What are you bringing in, what do you need to buy?" she says. "One thing we often tell clients is you can have a lot of things that you want, (but) you can't have everything you want." Include yearly expenses, "things like your Costco membership, your kid's dance lessons, haircuts, holiday spending," which Jag-

says Canadians

gernath

tend to forget.

Give yourself some flexibility in your budget, says Campbell. "Let's say you buy your lunch every day at work," she says, "and you look at your budget and think, 'I can't afford to spend \$7 a day at work." Campbell's suggestion: Bring your lunch three days a week and eat out twice. "If you have to bring your lunch five days a week when you're used to eating out every day, chances are after two weeks you're going to (say), '(Forget) this, I hate it," she says.

Remember to set aside some extra money while paying down debt, says Jaggernath. Otherwise, hard work can fly out the window during an emergency, "whether it's a wedding or the roof goes," she says.

Finally, don't discount the role of good old-fashioned common sense. "Don't go grocery shopping on an empty stomach," says Jaggernath. "Separate business and personal finances you're running a business. And recognize how farreaching financial difficulty can be."

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# **Financial Planning**

# When looking for investment adviser, beware of those who have scripted answers: Expert

RAFAEL BRUSILOW for Metro Canada

Picking the right investment adviser can be the difference between watching your money grow and seeing it circle the drain.

Tom Hamza, president of non-profit organization Investor Education Fund, which promotes investor and financial literacy, says to beware of advisers who have scripted answers and who try to sell you on lesser products their own company sells. Look for advisers who can offer a wide range of products. Once you've found an adviser, don't just dump your money and sit back — you have to take an active role.

"You have to question what (advisers) are doing and you have to hold the re-

sults they're giving you to the fire," Hamza said.

While times are tough, Hamza says investing can be a great chance to pick up some bargains. "Markets are down and things are cheaper than they were. Are they going to go up in the long run? Statistically, yes, they always do. There's no reason to think humanity has stopped progressing economically," he said.



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# **\$7B** for infrastructure: Baird

### There has never been a better time to fix everything that's broken in Canada.

Or that's what the economists say, and it seems the federal government agrees.

Yesterday, John Baird, minister of transport, indicated the government will invest \$7 billion in infrastructure as part of the stimulus package to be unveiled today.

Of the \$7 billion Ottawa has earmarked for infrastructure, the government says it will throw \$1 billion toward green energy proj-

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ects, which, according to Gauthier, would be a much needed investment, especially in Ontario where 80 per cent of the energy sources will expire within the next 20 years.

"You don't want to do this when the economy is running full steam," explains Pascal Gauthier, a TD economist, of the governments' timing. "It's better to do it if you can at a time like this when the private sector is in contraction mode. You don't want public expenditures to elbow out private investment."

sentiment was That echoed by Joe Martin, director of Canadian business history at the Rotman School of Business.

To get the most out of the taxpayer-funded \$7 billion, Martin said businesses competing for prospective contracts should "be able to put the shovel in the ground immediately. If it has to wait until 2010. that's probably too late."

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# Bright spot amid 70,000 global layoffs

LAYOFFS About 70,000 worldwide layoffs were reported yesterday, with companies that included ING, Caterpillar, Sprint, General Motors and Home Depot reporting job cuts.

Despite the corporate gloom, markets rallied on some of yesterday's other news: No. 1 drug-

maker Pfizer Inc. said it would buy

rival Wyeth Jeffrey Kindler, for \$68 bil-Pfizer CEO lion US.

On the flip side of Pfizer's deal for Wyeth, Pfizer said it will cut 15 per cent of the companies' combined 130,000 workers about 19,500 jobs. REUTERS

# **Business** in brief

**MARKETS** Toronto's S&P/TSX composite index rose 28.54 points, or 0.33 per cent, to 8,656.51 yesterday as Europe's financial shares recovered,

helping to boost their Canadian banking counterparts. NON-PROFIT The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has lost 20 per cent of its assets in the

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The Dallas Cowboys' Terrell Owens will star in his own reality show this summer. VH1 announced yesterday the series takes place in the off-season. Owens' friends Monique Jackson and Kita Williams will work as his "matchmakers and therapists." Former Cowboy Michael Irvin will also have a reality show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



"Back in 2004, at first Rodriguez did his best to try and fit into the Yankee culture
– his cloying, B Grade actor best."

Excerpt on Alex Rodriguez from Yankee Years, the upcoming book co-written by former New York Yankees manager Joe Torre and Sl.com writer Tom Verducci.

# Esks' reject Berry leading Cards' D

# Super Bowl XLIII

t happens, oh, every 20 years or so. A player joins a CFL team, stinks, gets released, is waived through the league and becomes an NFL star.

Take Bertrand Berry, for example. At 33, Berry is largely responsible for his team's stunning ascent to Sunday's Super Bowl.

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There are no ifs, ands or York **Report** buts about this. Were it not for his team-high seven sacks excepand tional efforts

at defensive

end, the Ari-

zona Cardinals would not be in Tampa Bay this week preparing to face the Pittsburgh Steelers for NFL supremacy.

It's bizarre, frankly, since the Edmonton Eskimos soured on Berry after a mere two games in 2000. In eight quarters, Berry recorded one tackle and no sacks.

In the inferior CFL, he was both inconspicuous and incompetent.

So into the scrap heap he was dumped, practically penniless, deemed a hasbeen and a never-was simultaneously.

And, yet, for the past four seasons, Berry has terrorized NFL oppo-

nents and the Cards rewarded him with a five-year contract worth \$25 million US.

remember him disliking Edmonsaid ton, Berry's agent, Greg Williams,

there motivated him. He wanted so badly to make it in the NFL."

He has. Big time. He's a discard leading the Cards' defence, and wise NFL observers suggest Arizona can't prevail Sunday if Berry turns in a lemon.

 Canada's professional football championship will be decided on Albertan grounds the next two seasons. I'm told the CFL will announce formally within a week or so that Edmonton has been awarded the

> 2010 Grey game. Cup This year's Cup will be played in Calgary the Oakland Raiders plan to hire a new offen-

sive co-ordinator soon, and atop their wish list is Marc Trestman, who led the Alouettes to the Grey Cup game in Montreal last November in his one and only season as a CFL head coach ... Als Anthony quarterback Calvillo, the CFL's premier player last season, is eligible for free agency Feb. 16 and will decide shortly whether to re-sign with the Als or retire. If Trestman jumps to Oakland, Calvillo might retire after 15 CFL seasons ... Grey Cup ticket prices have risen dramatically. They ranged from \$84 to \$274 in Mon-

this year. "I don't think this (is an issue)," said Calgary Stampeders president Scott Ackles, who may or may not know there's a recession ... Don't be surprised if

treal. They'll cost between

\$195 and \$370 in Calgary

ex-Winnipeg head coach Doug Berry joins the Esks soon as offensive co-ordinator Ex-Toronto Argonauts

Bertrand Berry played in Edmonton in 2000.



Capt. Bruce Meyer holds an Arizona Cardinals flag as the team plane arrives in Tampa Bay yesterday.

head coach Gary Etcheverry is the Saskatchewan Roughriders' new defensive co-ordinator ... Stamps scout John Murphy is the Blue Bombers' new general manager.

• In baseball, ex-Blue Jays superstar Roberto Alomar will join Toronto's spring-training staff and will coach infielders. Alomar hopes to follow in the footsteps of his father, Sandy Alomar Sr., and become a full-time coach. And the Minnesota Twins are close to signing Canadian Eric Gagne as a setup man for closer Joe Nathan.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcast in Canada for decades.

# Lots of 'za

• Papa John's in the U.S. expects to sell about a million pizzas Sunday. The company has calculated that a million pizzas lined up side by side would cover the distance from Phoenix to Tampa Bay 13 times, and from Pittsburgh to Tampa Bay eight times.

# **Brown named** first star of week

**NHL** The Los Angeles Kings' Dustin Brown, the Edmonton Oilers' Alex Hemsky and Carolina Hurricanes goaltender Cam Ward are the NHL's three stars of the week. Brown scored game-winning goals in consecutive road contests. Hemsky scored two goals and two assists in his lone game last week, a 4-3 win over Columbus. And Ward blocked 67 of 68 shots to help Carolina earn two road victories.

# **Pettitte re-signs** with Yankees

**MLB** Andy Pettitte and the Yankees agreed yesterday to a \$5.5-million US, oneyear contract that brings the left-hander back to New York. The veteran left-hander can make an additional \$6.5 million US in bonuses and incentives based on time on the active roster. The deal raised the Yankees' projected opening-day payroll to \$196.8 million US for 17 players with agreements. **METRO NEWS SERVICES** 

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necklace I gave you, all the love letters, oh, and my kidney please. Definitely not your typical divorce settlement item, but sure enough, Dr. Richard Batista, a Long Island, NY, surgeon wants his ex-wife to return the kidney he donated to her back in 2001. But he'll settle for \$1.5 million in compensation instead. Big of him.

Batista alleged his wife began having an affair 18 months to two years after the transplant. She filed for divorce in 2005 and the settlement has been dragging on ever since. He says it's gotten so bad that he's been prevented from seeing their three young children for months at a time. That's why he took his case with his ex and his ex-kidney, public.

Divorce revenge is unfortunately common. Most people opt for simple things like smashing their ex's car, running up their credit card or posting naked pictures of them on the Internet. But giving your wife your kidney to



Divorce revenge is common, but one recent case where a man is asking for compensation for a kidney he gave his ex-wife tops the bunch, says our columnist.

save her life, one of the most loving, intimate acts one could imagine, and then wanting compensation for it in the divorce settlement tops the bunch.

I understand being angry and feeling betrayed, especially when you think you've been cheated on and betrayed, but acting on feelings of revenge is always a bad idea. Beyond the initial rush, it ultimately doesn't make you feel any better and it shoots your karma all to heck.

Nevermind the example you set for your kids: 'Hey kids, if you love someone enough, you'd give them anything, even your own kidney but if they hurt you, be sure and squeeze everything you can out of them, including body organs, even if it might mean they'll die.'

And of course I don't condone cheating, but unless there's some kind of mutual agreement that outside action is okay, if you're absolutely happy in your relationship, who cheats? Obviously, on some level, this was not a happy relationship. Whether we choose to admit it or not, both parties contribute to a marriage breakdown. blame may not be 50/50, but focusing on the math won't solve the problem.

Granted, whatever causes a split, you've shared a life together, and things should be fairly split when you, well, split. But, as far as I'm concerned, everyone should at least leave the table with all the body parts they showed up with.

On-the-go freshness

Not surprisingly, Batista's case isn't expected to suc-

Imagine if it did. What's next? 'I paid for your breast implants; I want the money or the sacs of goo in your

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.

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# Sleep fights colds

Efficient zzz's can protect against virus: Study

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If you sleep less than seven hours a night, you're far more likely to develop a cold than those who slept eight hours or

Even more powerful, if your sleep isn't "efficient," you are more likely to develop a cold. Sleep efficiency is the percentage of time you actually spend sleep while lying in bed. If you have less than 92 per cent efficiency, you're 5.5 times more likely to get a

The study, conducted in Pittsburgh, involved 153 healthy men and women from age 21 to 55. For two weeks, they were asked to keep track of their sleep efficiency and length. They were given nasal drops infected with the cold virus. Thirty-five per cent of them developed a cold that was clinically detected and another 43 per cent had



Sleeping less than seven hours a night could leave you more prone to developing a cold.

milder cold symptoms. Those who slept less than seven hours a night were almost three times more likely to develop a cold than those who slept eight hours or more.

Dysfunctional sleep is Medicine on Jan. 12.

thought to have an effect on the body's ability - at the molecular level — to fight against an invader such as the cold virus.

The study was published in the Archives of Internal





Causes of constipation: As previously mentioned in our last chronicle, the causes of constipation are linked to such factors as physical inactivity, a poor diet, repressed emotions or a behaviour that has been developed over the years. Some medications, such as the antixiolytics, anti-depressants, anti-inflammatories and many other drugs, may be a cause of constipation problems. Your constipation history (suite)

# At work:

In many factories, when you asked the foreman for permission to go to the washroom, you were often told to wait until the next break.

Going to conferences or on vacation: Many people who go to conferences or set out on their vacations literally leave their bowels at home!

How incredible is that? Are you fed up with feeling bloated and having a hard belly?

If so, here are a few tips that may well make a difference. Habits:

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**WAL\*MART** 

Too often we forget to drink our six to eight glasses of water a day. Try this little trick: fill a 1.5-litre bottle with water and drink it every day. Some herbal teas also count towards your water intake requirement and at the same time provide the benefits associated with their particular To be continued on January 29th...



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### Paul McCartney could be getting married again

Former Beatle Sir Paul McCartney is reportedly set to propose to his girlfriend, New Yorker Nancy Shevall, now that her divorce has been finalized and McCartney's daughter, Stella McCartney, has given her seal of approval, the Daily Mirror is reporting. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Entertainment

Celeb stamps

line of stamps featuring Oscar winners (and Aussies) Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe, Cate **Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush.** INTOUCHWEEKLY.COM

# Working man's dream

**BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI** for Metro Canada

You'll have to forgive Bruce Springsteen if it sounds like all he's talked about over the last eight years is George W. Bush. It's no secret that he detested the ex-president's policies and he campaigned vigorously for Barack Obama.

While some people might be turned off by the Boss' politics, if anyone knows what middle-class America needs, it's this rugged rock star. The legendary guitar

LAIKA

slinger has penned a plethora of tunes from the point of view of the down-on-your luck dude, or the guy traipsing along the open road.

Throughout his 35-year career, Springsteen's championing of the little guy hasn't wavered. Though, with Obama now in office, it sounds like life for Springsteen's America could get a little easier.

"You spend 35 years singing your songs about a place. And you see that place in things that people are doing in their communities from city to city on a

## The new Boss

 Springsteen's new album Working On A Dream is available in stores starting today.

local basis. But you don't see it on a national level," he told the Guardian recently. "So you work under the assumption that you have some small thing that you can do about it ... And then something happens that you didn't think you might see in your lifetime, which is that that country actually shows its face one night, on

election night."

Getting to this point, where he can feel good about the state of his country, has been a tough slog. Not only has America come a long way, but his own career has too. After struggling to obtain commercial success in the early 70s, the Boss had huge hits with a number of albums, including Born In the U.S.A.

Near the end of 80s and the early 90s, however, he dissolved the E Street Band to scorn from fans, and two albums, Human Touch and Lucky Town, failed to resonate with his followers.

Although he won a Grammy for Streets of Philadelphia in 1994, a changing musical landscape and a growing family Springsteen out of the spotlight for a number of years.

But no one can keep the Boss down, especially when America's hurting. In 2002 he teamed up with his old band and released The Rising, a raw collection of tunes that centred around the aftermath of 9/11. He followed that up with Magic, a scathing indictment of the Bush administration. Both albums were hits.

Now, though, with his country's future seemingly on the right track, he is noticeably more optimistic on Working on a Dream. Some might miss the angry Springsteen, but as he nears 60, it's probably a good time for him to finally relax too.



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**7iggy Stardust returns** 

David Bowie is set to resurrect his Ziggy Stardust alter-ego. The Space Oddity rocker is in talks with California's Coachella Valley Music and Arts festival to perform his classic album in its entirety. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



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# Thursday night is up for grabs

### WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL **ABOUT THURSDAY NIGHT?**

William Petersen's exit from CSI took a big bloody chunk out of the show's ratings for its first post-Peterson show last Thursday, when just 17.5 million viewers tuned in, as compared to the 24.3 million who watched the show the previous week.

To be fair, 17.5 million pairs of eyes isn't too shabby — it's over three million better than Grey's Anatomy, the second-place show, though as the L.A. Times pointed out, the ABC show beat CSI in the 18 to 49 demographic that's either vitally important to advertisers or increasingly irrelevant, depending on what "counting angels on the head of a pin" market analysis piece you've been reading.

What it means, however, is that what's considered the most valuable night of the primetime TV week is considered up for grabs again, and the big four networks are already circling each other, shivs drawn, like Sharks and Jets, at least **IntelleVision** 



according to another Times

piece.
"Thursday is vital to the networks," writes Scott Collins of the Times, "because that's when movie studios and other big advertisers, hoping to lure consumers making weekend plans, are most willing to part with huge amounts of cash.

"Also, it's virtually the only night that can be consistently competitive anymore. The cable networks have increasingly grabbed viewers with original programming on Sundays, while during the second half of the season Fox takes the lion's share of audience on Tuesdays and Wednes-

days with American Idol." Fox recently moved Bones to Thursday to stake out some turf, while NBC's final season of ER consti-

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Lawrence Fishburne as Dr. Raymond Langston in a recent episode of CSI.

tutes a kamikaze assault of sorts, to try and get some attention before they turn the 10 p.m. slot over to Jay Leno's new show later this

It's a tense little slapfight, but no one is looking like they're the clear contender to rule the night the way NBC did for so long.

Thursday was comedy

night when NBC owned it. starting with The Cosby Show and Cheers in the and continuing through Must See TV before the turn of the millennium and combination the punch of Seinfeld and Friends.

ABC, who previously had little more than their Thursday Night Movie to

bring to the fight, briefly stole the lead with Who Wants to be a Millionaire (apparently being considered for a revival with original host Regis Philbin), before CBS stepped over NBC's supine carcass with Survivor and then CSI.

The night is obviously worth fighting over - Seinfeld only drew just over 21 million viewers during its peak finale season, and Friends was drawing 24.5 million during the 2001-02 season, back before the Ti-Vo revolution — which means that, on at least one night a week, people are still reliably rooted to their couches, remote in hand.

But if none of the networks can cook up anything better than graying procedurals and struggling shows shifted from other nights, viewers may decide that Thursday night is ideal for drawing down their PVR queue or getting a head start on their season box set marathons.

> Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

# Flavor Flav brings Nite Tales to the small screen

**TELEVISION** Rapper and reality TV star Flavor Flav and filmmaker Deon Tay-

lor have signed a deal to turn their BET movie Nite Tales into an antholotelevision series.



Flavor Flav

Nite Tales, described as "30-minute tales of irony and twists," originated with the BET movie that aired on Halloween and is set for DVD release Feb. 3 by BET, Paramount and Deon Taylor Enterprises.

The plan is for Tales to premiere this year as a weekly cable series. Taylor describes the new show as Tales From the Crypt meets The Twilight Zone, with Flav playing a role similar to Crypt's Cryptkeeper, as he did in the BET movie. Taylor also is planning a Tales movie every Halloween. REUTERS

# **60 Minutes lands** hero pilot interview

**TELEVISION** The ongoing booking war between the networks erupted anew with the news that hero pilot Chesley Sullenberger will tell his story on 60 Minutes instead of NBC's Today. Except for brief remarks Saturday in his hometown of Danville, Calif., the public hasn't yet heard from the U.S. Airways captain who safely landed a full Airbus A320 in the Hudson River after losing both engines as he left New York's LaGuardia Airport on Jan.

# **Real World jets off** to sunny Cancun

**TELEVISION** And the location for the next season of The Real World is ... Cancun. The Mexican vacation destination will host the show's 22nd season. There the housemates will work with spring break resource site StudentCity.com to serve as guides for visiting college students.



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# critics'corner—

South Park

Its edgy humor is usually lots of fun, but this episode just ODs on it. For starters, Mr. Garrison gets a sex change. Just in case the transgender lobby is too small to really cause a ruckus, the subplot has Kyle learn that Jews can't play basketball. So he visits Mr. Garrison's surgeon to get a "negroplasty" to make him taller — and black. 10:30 PM on COM



Law & Order: Special Victims

In "Lunacy," Benson and Stabler suspect an astronaut's murder is linked to a series of rapes, but the suspect's alibi checks out. Stabler turns to his old mentor astronaut Dick Finley, whose in-put proves to be a double-edged sword. 8 PM on CFCN; 11 PM

# At the Concert Hall

She performed in musicals as a child, fronted a disco band as a teen and sang with rock bands as a young adult. But these days Molly Johnson is best known as a jazz singer. In this new episode, she takes the Masonic Temple stage to perform songs from her first three albums as well as standards from her most recent release, "Lucky." 8 PM on

**18** entertainment



Oprah good choice for Ohama's senate seat: Illinois governor

Scandal-scarred Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich had someone else in mind for U.S. President Barack Obama's vacant senate seat: Oprah Winfrey. Blagojevich told Good Morning America he thought the talk-show host and media mogul would be a good choice. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# **Celebrity Buzz**

# Kanye changes name in wake of fashion ad

**BLOG POST** Kanye West has changed his name, according to femalefirst.co.uk. The Stronger singer wants to be known as Martin Louis The King Jr. in future after being "forced" to adopt a new pseudonym following the launch of his new footwear range for Louis Vuitton, which was unveiled during Paris Fashion Week last week.

In a posting on his blog, the rapper said in a video message "to the world" that, "Due to what has happened — what has happened so severely when the red shoes hit the runway, I was forced to change my name to Martin Louis the King Ir. Address me as such."

Referencing

Swagger Like Us, West post supposedly by West ended the video by saying:



saying he wants to try his hand at adult film is apparently the result of hackers, says the singer. The post, which got a lot of attention over the weekend, had West purportedly writing, "I'm open to doing porn. Hell, I'll even do bisexual scenes.'

phony feature is the result of hackers taking over his MySpace and e-mail accounts. "I just gave the performance of my lifetime for our new president," West said in response to breach. 'Please, I beg you, give me a break! Just let me be great!"

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# **Damon finds Bond 'repulsive'**

**PEOPLE** Matt Damon thinks James Bond is repulsive, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Bourne Identity actor – who played CIA agent Jason Bourne in three hit films has lashed out at Ian Fleming's famous British spy, currently portrayed by Daniel Craig. He said: "He's repulsive. Bond is an imperialist, misogynist, sociopath who goes around bedding women and swilling martinis and killing

people. The movies have a formula, they stick to it, and it makes them a lot of money. They know what they are doing and they're going to keep doing it." METRO **NEWS SERVICES** 

# Blake will avoid Amy: Mom

RELATIONSHIP Amy Winehouse's jailed husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, has vowed to avoid all contact with the troubled singer, according to his mother and may use one of her love letters to back up demands for a share of her fortune during divorce proceedings,

people.com reports. "Blake doesn't want a reconciliation with Amy now," Georgette Civil tells People, confirming a report in British the press that her son may use the letter to demonstrate how important he has been Wine-

house's ca-

reer. According to British newspaper News of the World, which published excerpts of her handwritten letter, Winehouse, promises in it that she will write new albums especially for Fielder-Civil, 26.

The newspaper adds that legal reps for Fielder-Civil behind bars for assault and attempting to pervert the course of justice - will argue that he is entitled to half of his wife's es-

timated \$15 million US earnings. A rep for Winehouse reto fused comment.

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# Franco grew fond of Milk moustache

ROLE James Franco liked the moustache he sported in Milk, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Pineapple Express star portrays Scott Smith in the movie and says he was surprised to find he didn't detest his facial hair or costumes as much as he expected

He said: "I thought I was going to hate the moustache but I grew to kind of like it and the clothes aren't too far from people what wear today."

The actor shares

scenes with Sean Penn, who plays Harvey Milk -California's first openly gay elected official, who was assassinated — but insists he wasn't worried by the homosexual en-

> counters. He added to BBC Newsbeat: "Intimate scenes like that, whether it's with an actress or an actor, there's not a lot of

discussion that goes on, you just kind of do it. So we just kind of did it."

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# **Kelly Osbourne** back in rehab

**FAMILY** Recently engaged Kelly Osbourne has checked into rehab again, according to her mother, Sharon. "Yeah, Kelly's in rehab. What else can we say?" the tearful mother told radaronline.com. "She knew that it was the right thing to do at this point and we're proud that she did it. The family is all standing behind her. Kelly knew that she needed help and she's getting it." Intouchweekly.com says Sharon hasn't revealed why Kelly is in treatment again.

# **Jessica sings for Romo**

**RELATIONSHIP** Say this for Jessica Simpson — she doesn't hold back, people.com reports.

"I am so excited that I am going to see my boyfriend tonight," the singer told a crowd of nearly 30,000 fans at Radio 99.9 Kiss Country's annual Chili Cookoff Sunday at C. B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines, Fla., where she shared the bill with Alan Jackson and other country stars.

Smiling, happy and hopping around the

Simpson, 28, performed a medley of her pop hit songs during her hour-long show, as well as delivered new songs from her first country album released last fall.

Simpson's rendition of You're My Sunday, from the country album, was dedicated to her boyfriend, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo.

"My boyfriend is a football player, and he takes up my Sundays and now my Mon-Simpdays," son said.

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# Miley over with Jonas feud

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**VIDEO** In Miley World, there's no such thing as a Miley Cyrus/Jonas Brothers feud and she never wanted to give Demi Lovato and Selena Gomez a smackdown, says intouchweekly.com. In a candid video on her site, Miley said of her ex-

> Jonas, "I love Nicky. I do love him. I love Kevin. I love Joe. I love Frankie ... So evervone should back off the feud 'cause we're over it."

boyfriend Nick

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# Brangelina ready for more kids

**COUPLE** Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are "overdue" another child, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple — who have three adopted and three biological kids together will be adding to their brood in the near future, according to Brad.

He joked: "We average about two a year, so I guess we're overdue, aren't we?"

Angelina confirmed the couple are prepared to extend their family, despite only recently giving birth to twins. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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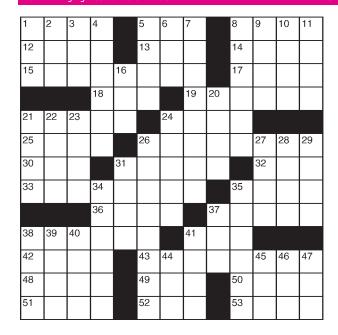






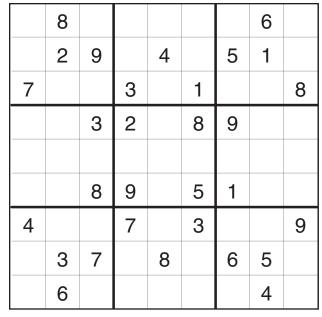
# **Take Five**

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# Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



# **Crossword across**

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- 33 "Hush!"
- 35 Witnesses
- 36 Shark variety
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- 38 Overnight flight
- 41 Seek damages 42 Finished
- 43 File transfer
- 48 Cherry type
- 49 NAFTA signatory
- 50 TV handyman Bob
- 51 Otherwise
- 52 Prizefighter
- 53 Verve

# **Crossword down**

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- such as broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, mushrooms, onions and pattypan squash or zucchini, etc
- vermouth
- 2–3 fresh parsley stems
- 1 sprig thyme Salt and black pepper
- 1 oz (25 g) Parmesan
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) whole-wheat bread crumbs

# 3 tbsp (45 ml) low-fat mar-

- garine
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) 2% milk
- cream 2 tbsp (25 ml) coarsely

- 1. Prepare vegetables: Trim broccoli or cauliflower into small florets; top and tail carrots; slice mushrooms; quarter onions; halve pattypans or top and tail baby
- 2. Put 2 2/3 cups (600 ml) water into large pot and add vermouth, bay leaf, parsley stems, thyme and

# **Baby Vegetable** Fricassée

**Metro Recipe of the Day** 

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 3/4-lb (750-g) mixture of young and baby vegetables 2 tbsp (25 ml) dry
- 1 bay leaf

- cheese, grated

### **FOR BÉCHAMEL SAUCE:**

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) all-purpose
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) low-fat sour
- chopped fresh parsley

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- zucchini.

- salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Add vegetables, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes.
- 3. Using slotted spoon, transfer vegetables to shallow 1 1/2-quart (1.5 l) flameproof dish. Set aside and keep warm.
- 4. Discard herbs and return vegetable stock to fast boil. Cook uncovered 10 minutes, or until it reduced by half. Preheat broiler.
- 5. For sauce, melt margarine in large pot and whisk in flour. Cook 1 to 2 seconds, then gradually strain in stock. Add milk and whisk. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and simmer 3 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in sour cream and chopped herbs, and season to taste.
- 6. Pour sauce over vegetables, sprinkle cheese and bread crumbs over top and place under broiler for 2–3 minutes, until topping is lightly browned. Serve hot. **SERVES 4**

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# **Horoscopes**

# **ARIES**

# **MARCH 21-APRIL 20** Be calm with a caller who de-

mands attention. Those in charge will raise your status. The simple pleasures won't be too difficult to obtain.

# **LIBRA**

# **SEPT 23-OCT 23**

An unusual love story gives more satisfaction. Someone you know will cause less vexation. You'll be sensible enough to deal with a change.

# **TAURUS**

# APRIL 21-MAY 21

Your promises can be relied upon. An inconvenient mistake will cause turmoil. You'll want to give up on a foolish notion.

# **SCORPIO**

# **OCT 24-NOV 22**

A man tells someone what to do. A travel arrangement must be altered. The extraordinary consequences of an action are felt.

### **GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Your disinterest won't fix someone's failure. You must concentrate to grasp an idea. A scared man will be taken by surprise.

# **SAGITTARIUS**

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**NOV 23-DEC 21** Someone is infatuated with you. You'll see the truth in a relationship. Technical support influences a major decision

### **CANCER** JUNE 22-JULY 22

You can be strong when dealing with the down-hearted. Guide someone who feels lost. Telling the truth has unexpected results.

# **CAPRICORN**

(Y<sub>0</sub> **DEC 22-JAN 20** A woman overhears you discussing personal matters. A creep tells a bad joke. Take strong action when someone whines.

### **LEO JULY 23-AUG 23**

You must be careful while cooking. Someone's love life is challenged by a scandal. Stupid mistakes become a comedy of errors.

### **AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18**

Fight for justice and refuse to play by the rules. Harmful conditions are cast off and freedom is gained. Don't be anxious about becoming a pest.

### **VIRGO** AUG 24-SEPT 22

Reconsider your anger over a minor irritation. Forgive an elder for a thoughtless remark. A puzzling ailment will break a bad habit.

# **PISCES**

**FEB 19-MARCH 20** 

You are going in the wrong direction. A buddy's honour is challenged. Someone starts showing you the right kind of attention.

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